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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MOTIVATING SUBMISSION OF
REAL ESTATE REFERRALS

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REQUEST TO RECONSIDER DECISION ON REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY

The undersigned filed a Request to Withdraw from Representation on February 13, 2002. That request was denied in a paper dated March 7, 2002 on the basis that the request did not include evidence that the Applicant had been informed of the undersigned's Request to Withdraw. Accordingly, attached hereto is a copy of a letter forwarded to the Applicant showing that he received a copy of the request to withdraw as attorney. Therefore, the undersigned attorney asks that the request to withdraw as attorney be reconsidered and granted in light to this supplemental evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. McNeil

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Mr. Larry Scites
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Re: End of Legal Representation

Dear Larry:

Enclosed is a copy of a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney form we recently forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office in relation to your patent application on a System and Method For Motivation Submission of Real Estate Referrals. With this letter, our legal representation of you with regard to that patent application has ended.

The only outstanding matter is your remaining balance of \$3,813.47. Despite repeated promises, you have made absolutely no payment since providing a retainer of \$1,000.00 on November 2, 2001. If the outstanding balance is not paid immediately, we will have no choice but to seek collection the hard way. I regret that your repeated misstatements and neglect of your obligations have brought us to this point. I look forward to receiving full payment for your outstanding balance in the near future. In the meantime, we sincerely wish you the best of luck in your efforts to market your invention.

Very Truly Yours,

Michael B. McNeil

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In re Application of: Larry Scites)
Application No.: 10/017,699)
Filed: December 7, 2001) **DECISION ON REQUEST FOR**
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR) **WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**
MOTIVATING SUBMISSION OF)
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This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed February 13, 2002.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

There is no indication that the applicant has been informed of Mr. McNeil's request for withdrawal. Therefore, the request is **DENIED**.

All future communications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. Applicant is reminded of the obligation to promptly notify the Office of any change in correspondence address to ensure receipt of all communications from the Office.

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